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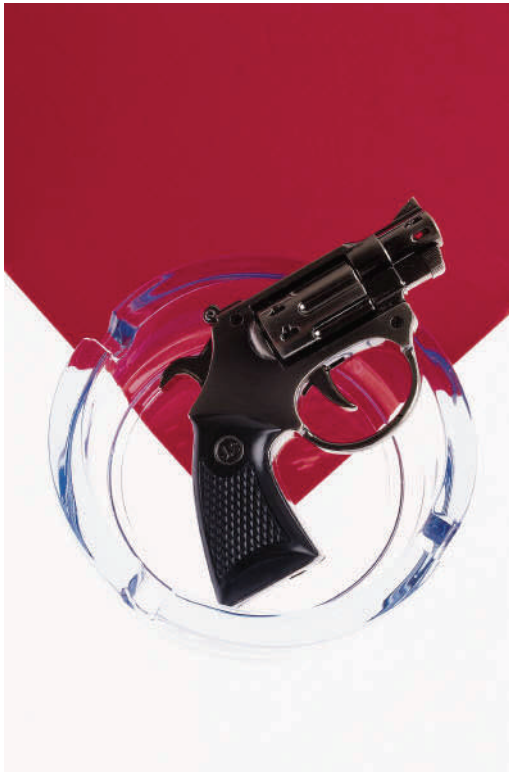
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Architecture is Murder

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Adams and a team of colleagues have done research for an award-winning website, Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History, which provides students with an array of primary sources and inspires them to solve the mysteries through critical thinking.

The mystery? The deaths of two members of the rich and famous Redpath family in their Montreal mansion in 1901. A coroner's report of the time concluded that Clifford Redpath shot his melancholic mother while temporarily insane during an epileptic fit. The details of the case, however, cast some doubt on this theory.

How does architecture figure in all of this? Adams emphasizes how architecture reveals differences in social class and illuminates contemporary notions of medical conditions.